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Ton McNeal says he is astonished at President Taft's Winona tariff speech. Why astonished?

The Topka Capital, The Kansas City Star and The Wichita Eagle are all very much disgusted with the President's out-pok endorsement of the Payne-Aldrich tariff. Let's see: whom did these papers support for the presidency and what reason did they have for believing that Mr. Taft was not in full sympathy with the high tariff idea?

The temperance papers and temperance orators are working overtime at denouncing President Taft these days. But a majority of these same papers and orators, as well as the lay members of the cause, voted for Mr. Taft a year ago, and will very likely do it again at the first opportunity. Real temperance is one thing but partisan politics and temperance, mixed, is quite another.

Gov. John A. Johnson of Minnesota died on Tuesday morning of last week, as a result of an unsuccessful surgical operation. He was serving his third term as governor of his state and was a democrat of national reputation. His death is a distinct loss to his party, his state and the nation and it is regrettable that he was cut down in the strength of vigorous life when he might have been of vast use to his country for many years. Few governors attain such wide prominence as he attained, and few have accomplished so much for his people as he has accomplished.

A sensible farmer or business man will not keep a hired man in his employment very long, if the said hired man becomes wasteful, reckless and indifferent to his employer's welfare. But how different is that self-same farmer or business man when he goes to the polls. Regardless of the fact that public officials and the political party which they represent, are wasting public money, keep up a gang of political hoodlums and are grafting on every hand, they will go blindly on and vote for the same old crowd. They wake up at tax paying time but by the time another election rolls around all is forgotten. The average American voter is an American Ass.

The state taxes to be paid by Kansas property owners, exclusive of county, township, city and school district taxes, this fall will be \$3,138,894.08, which is \$930,571.42 more than it cost to manage state affairs last year. Barber county's share of state taxes this fall will be \$22,123.92, which is \$7,401.74 more than the county paid last year. The increase in state expenditures for the coming year will be nearly one million dollars more than last year. If this increase keeps up from year to year, what will become of the taxpayers? Outside of bridge building, Barber county is now paying more to balance its portion of the state's expenses than is required to meet county expenses. But the people seem to like it—at least they vote that way at every election.

The Democrats of Kansas will soon have a daily newspaper, something that has been very much needed for many years. The Kansas Democrat and the Kansas Commoner of Wichita have been purchased and to these two plants new machinery will be added and a first-class, up-to-date daily will be equipped. M. B. Murphy, a newspaper man from New York, will have the management of the paper and has himself put considerable money into the enterprise. The Democrats in the state have raised \$25,000 by voluntary subscription to help it along and there seems to be no doubt of the success of the venture. The Democrats of Barber county responded liberally when the movement started. Over \$100 was sent in by our local democrats throughout the county.

The conviction is growing among those who have studied the situation that President Taft has not gone deeply into the new tariff law. His speech on the subject is largely a repetition of what Aldrich and Smoot have said and in his faithful adherence to their views the president has given expression to their errors of statement. For instance Mr. Taft discussed the duty on pulp, claiming credit for a reduction, when, according to the treasury decision issued by Reynolds, assistant secretary, the duty on pulp is now ten cents more per ton than it was under the Dingley law. The president's remarkable utterance arouses the suspicion that Mr. Taft is unaware that Mr. Reynolds's decision has been rendered, although Mr. Reynolds is one of Mr. Taft's members of the alleged tariff commission. President Taft seems to have merely taken Payne's statement and assumed that it is true, which is not, by any means a correct assumption.—Wichita Beacon, Republican.

### Hard on Andy Richards

The Sumner County Republican, in a recent number, scores Andy Richards, the decapitated officeholder and politician of that city, as follows. Richards has heaped a great deal of disgrace on the republican party but he is no worse than the average politician and there are many others whose heads should drop, in the interest of honest and decent public service.

There is probably no politician in Kansas, however, who is more unpopular at home than this man Richards, and the Republican's article is very generally endorsed in Sumner county.

In diplomatic circles in Washington, the seat of government, where everything is done according to the latest approved style and red tape, nobody is ever "fired," "canned," "kicked out" or "discharged." They always "resign."

Andy Richards had a job in Washington that paid him four thousand a year, but he has "resigned" to become the legal representative of certain financial interests of the east and will be quartered in Oklahoma City. But he will retain his residence in Wellington.

Now if you don't quit laughing, we won't go on with the story.

In the wit and humor columns of a local paper last night, Andy made the statement that he had resigned and has a job in Oklahoma City representing great Philadelphia and New York interests at so much better salary that he can not afford to refuse. That he will continue his residence in Wellington, though his home will be in Oklahoma City.

Quit giggling, now, you interrupt the story.

Now let us translate this into the Kansas language, so that all may fully understand:

"I, Andrew A. Richards, (sometimes found on the police court records as Richard Andrews) have been kicked out of my job in Washington, and have been canned, twenty-three, bumped, fired and pushed from the feed box. Senator Joe Bristow does not like crooks and I was allowed to resign. My crooked work is too coarse for eastern interests in need of smooth work and there is nothing left but to go back to Kansas (by way of Oklahoma) where I could always find a few people in need of services such as I can furnish. The next time Chester Long gets an office, I'll make him give me mine a little sooner."

So get ready to welcome Andy among us once again. It won't be long.

In an editorial on the cost of living the New York World says: "Without impugning the accuracy of the bureau of labor's relative prices of commodities," published by the World yesterday, the figures can not measure the actual rise in the cost of living from 1897 to 1908. An increase of 37 per cent only in the price of all commodities does not begin to state the actual situation of the consumer. Still, the figures do follow the tendency of prices. They reveal the huge revolution which has come about in the control of industry in the last fifteen years. In 1893 we had a panic. Prices had begun to fall in 1891, when it was foreseen. By 1894 the statistical average of prices was 14.8 points, or say 15 per cent, below the boom year 1890. Prices remained low for five years, showing at the bottom a decline of more than one-quarter. The panic was cured by natural means. People who needed money sold their goods cheap, and purchases were stimulated. At the least, men out of work for a time could live cheaply. How different the course of the panic of 1907! In the interval the trusts had grown to giant size and the law of supply and demand had, we were told, given place to benevolent industrial dictatorship. The steel trust for months held up prices to its own loss and the general disadvantage. The big glass makers held the little ones in line. Lumber could not decline much, because under high tariffs we have cut nearly all our trees. Food and clothing rose in cost. And the stated prices of all commodities averaged ten points higher in 1908, in the profound depression after the panic, than they were in the boom year 1890. Twenty years of progress and invention had gone for naught. Processes were cheaper but prices were higher. It was costing much more to live in 1908, when a vast army of honest and industrious men were out of work, than in 1890, when all were employed. And all that we had to compensate us for this manifest lowering of the conditions of general prosperity was a sheaf of vast and sudden fortunes whose vulgar and profligate display amazed the world."

Gov. Stubbs is out in an interview scoring Senator Curtis for saying that the square deal movement is expensive and hard on the taxpayers. The governor declares that his administration is economical. Perhaps that is true as far as the governor himself is concerned, but the appropriations made by the legislature—Whew!

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### The Season's Delicacies

Remember that you can get the best ice cream, fine sodas, choicest candies, nuts, tobaccos and cigars at Spaw's. Second door north of postoffice.

"It seems as though" the Cretset is still mistaken about that Harper ball game. No such a man as "Drachard" pitched either game.

A. L. Noble was over from Winfield the first of the week. He returned yesterday.

Blaise Jones, as a special messenger, is hard to beat. He can deliver a message quicker than anybody in the country. In fact, he can beat the telephone.

J. B. Whitaker and family of Driftwood, Oklahoma, visited on Sunday with Mrs. Whitaker's parents, Wm. Rule and wife, and her sisters, Mrs. J. A. Fair and Mrs. D. S. Jones.

Mrs. J. B. Whitaker represents the Chas. A. Spaw Co., and will take orders for ladies' tailor-made suits. She will take measures and will appreciate your order. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Miss Loma Farley has arranged to take another course of musical instruction in the Wichita College of Music. She goes to Wichita once a week and takes a lesson every Wednesday. She began last Wednesday.

Ralph Ewing and "Socks" Rankin of Medicine Lodge passed through Kingman Sunday morning in a 4-cylinder auto enroute to Wichita. They returned Sunday evening and remained here till Monday morning. Max Purdy came up with them and remained here over Sunday.—Kingman Leader Courier.

Our agricultural display has been growing so rapidly the past several days that it is impossible to make honorable mention of all who have contributed to it, and more is coming. This is proving a neat little advertisement of the possibilities of Barber county in an adverse season.

"Men make a great ado about preferring the natural woman," writes Miss Carlson in the Lindsborg News, "the woman who eschews paint, powder, pads and other helps to beauty, but we have noticed that whenever a man is lead around by the nose and cuts all kinds of foolish capers there is a painted peroxide blonde at the head of the procession."

An inquisition was held before County Attorney Field yesterday forenoon in an effort to obtain information as to the source from which some of the boys in town obtained whiskey. On Friday night a bunch of boys, too old to be "kids" and too young to be men, had a joy party in the hall of the opera house and one of them became limber and not capable of navigation. The others were able to tie and hie and when the city marshal appeared on the scene all except the "down" boy vanished. The disabled one was taken home by relatives, who were notified by the marshal, and he did not "come to" until about noon the following day. The city officials held a conference on Saturday and applied to the county attorney for an inquisition which was granted. Five boys were examined and it developed that two consignments were received. Three of the boys "chipped in" and got two gallons of whiskey from Kansas City and the other two got a pint from Oklahoma. None of the liquor was bought here, according to the testimony. All but one of the boys admitted that they were drunk but they all agreed that it was their first experience. To date there have been no further developments and the sentiment seems to be to put the boys on their good behavior. If they should break over again, their youth will be disregarded and they will have to take the consequences.

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I will sell at public auction the J. C. Garten estate, 4 1/2 miles south-east of Lake City, sale beginning at 11 o'clock, the following property:

**Friday, October 1, 1909.**

**42 Head of cows, all ages, 26 head of 2-year-old heifers, 1 bull 6 years old, 1 bull 2 years old, 50 calves mixed, 2 3-year-old mules, 1 2-year-old mule, 3 colts, 6 mares weight 1200 each, 5 brood sows, 27 shoats—weight 50 to 75 pounds, 2 farm wagons, 1 grain drill, 1 spring wagon, 1 riding cultivator, 1 lister, 1 harrow, 1 mower, 2 sets harness and other goods too numerous to mention.**

**TERMS:** Sums of \$10 and under cash; on sums over that amount a credit of one year, notes bearing 6 per cent interest from date of sale. 3 per cent off for cash on sums over \$10.

**G. G. SHIGLEY, Administrator.**

**W. H. Tracy, Auc.**

**Dave Freemyer, Clerk**

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